

THE COOK FAMILY.



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A GENEALOGY

OF FAMILIES BEARING THE NAME

COOKE, OR COOK.

Principally in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

1665—1882.

By JAMES COOK.

"Methinks it shows a kind of gratitude and good nature to revive the memories and memorials of pious and charitable ancestors, long since dead and gone."

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THE present effort exhibits in convenient form gatherings from various independent sources, with the design of preserving, in a single collection, what is to-day known of one branch of the COOK or COOKE Family, viz. that which settled in South-eastern Connecticut. No pretension is made to a history of the Cooks in New England. When such a work is written, we hope these few pages will be found a treasure to those most interested, of what otherwise would have perished by the lapse of time, and the decease of members of this stock, in whose retentive memories only could be found much of this relation, and direction where to look for more. The future compiler will be assisted, in these pages, to what would otherwise cost much time and expense to obtain. They can easily be expanded by descriptions of farms and properties held by the family, of personal characteristics, of legends and tales of early trials, full of incident, of notable and successful careers in the stirring events of Colonial and State history, in which this family have borne, in common with their neighbors, an honorable and efficient part. No attempt is here made to accomplish this.

With our humble and honest patronymic we need not grope in the mists of antiquity, or question the shadowy forms that hover around the dawn of history, for the time when it was assumed as a surname. So soon as man's civilization commenced, he commenced to cook. To shelter himself and to cook his food are among the earliest steps of every race to emerge from barbarism. When the inhabitants of the British Isles first coupled the name given in Christian baptism with a surname, terms indicative of personal character or quality were earliest used, as : White, Brown, Reid or Read (for red), among the English. More, Great, Vaughan, Little, Duff, Black, and Gough, Red, among the Welsh. Roy, Boyd, Bean, and Dun (red, yellow, white, and dark), among the Scotch. The use of occupative surnames came later, even later than terms indicative of residence or location.

Offices and dignities, some doubtless in sport and derision, contribute a large share, as Abbot, Bailey (bailiff), Bishop, Chamberlain, Deacon, Dean, Earl, King, Knight, Lord, Pope, Priest, Prince, Squire, Steward (stewart or stuart). Eventually, the Smiths and the Cooks outnumber all others, certainly if we count all the Bakers, Fryes, Fryers, Boyles, and Broyles, as Cooks. It is a very old name. We find in the Domesday Book of William the Conqueror, Gislebertus Cocus, which is the name, in Latin, of Gilbert Cook. In the army and the navy, in politics and in the church, in literature and in the learned professions, in jurisprudence and in statesmanship, on the stage, the forum, and in the pulpit, the Cooks have been distinguished in Europe and in America. The most celebrated was the navigator, Capt. James Cook, who discovered the Sandwich Islands, and circumnavigated the globe. In 1462, a Cooke was lord mayor of London; Sir Thomas Cook, of Middlesex, was governor of the East India Company; Sir Thomas Cook, of Worcestershire, founded Worcester College, at Oxford; Sir Anthony Cooke, a learned man, was tutor to King Edward VI. in 1543; in 1612, a Cooke was chancellor of the Irish Exchequer; and in 1504-08, Edward Cooke was mayor of Doncaster, in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Sir Richard Cook was secretary for foreign affairs in Charles I.'s cabinet, in 1635.

We can trace the name in America for two and a half centuries, as the Cookes were early and numerous in New England. There was a Capt. Thomas Cooke in Boston in 1630; he was in Taunton in 1637, and in Tiverton, R. I., in 1643. George Cooke was in Cambridge from 1636-45; was representative to the General Court five years, and speaker the last. Another George Cook, who came from the Carolinas, died in Reading, in 1710. Richard Cook, a tailor from Gloucestershire, was in Boston, where his son Elisha was born, in 1637. He graduated at Harvard in 1657, and became a judge of the Massachusetts Court in Colony times. Philip Cook was a citizen of Cambridge, 1647-67. Sergt. Samuel Cook was in Dedham, 1640. Aaron Cooke was freeman at Dorchester, 1635. Francis Cooke came in the *Mayflower*, 1620, to Plymouth. Henry Cook was married at Salem, June, 1639. John Cook, of Plymouth, 1633; removed to Warwick, 1650. John Cook, of Salem, came in the *Abigail*, 1635. John Cook, of Portsmouth, R. I., was colonial water bailiff there in 1647. Nathaniel Cook married at Windsor in 1649. Peyton Cook, at Saco, 1635, was clerk of Lygonia Assembly, 1648. Richard Cook came to Charlestown in the *Jonathan*, 1639. Richard Cook, of Norwich, had a grant in Preston as early as 1680; he had a son, Obed. Roger

Cook was at Marshfield, 1643. Samuel Cook married at New Haven in 1667. Walter Cook was at Weymouth, 1643. Robert Cook was apothecary at Charlestown in 1640.

We are enabled to ornament our effort with an imprint of the Cook Arms, enlarged from a miniature blazon handed down from Mr. Isaiah Cook, of the last century. No description accompanies the blazon, and no clew how or whence that gentleman obtained it. We have endeavored to identify it with crests of the different noble families now in Great Britain, of the name of Cook or Cooke, but we regret that we found none corresponding to this. Washburn's "Book of Crests" gives those of twenty-one different Cook families in the United Kingdom, which agree with those in Burke's "Peerage and Baronetage." As an aid to historical investigation, heraldic devices are valuable in indicating the local sources whence families bearing the same arms spring. We give it as we have received it, reserving claim to whatever honorable distinction more successful research may establish.

It is idle to conjecture from which shire of England our ancestor, Gregory Cooke, came; but judging from the ready adaptation of the family to the woolen manufacture, we reckon it most likely that his family was located in Yorkshire, in the southerly or western portion, which was even then the seat of the cloth manufactures of England, as it has since become of the woolens and worsteds. We commence our genealogical tables with Gregory, because we track back to him, and can find no indication whence he came. He was a shoemaker, on the southerly side of the Charles River, near ancient Watertown, and near what has been known to the present and the past generations, as Angier's Corner, in Newton, Mass. Three historians—Jackson, in his History of Newton; Dr. Bond, in his History of Watertown; and Savage, in his Genealogical Dictionary—each tell something of Gregory, his son Steven (or Stephen), and his grandson, John, who married Ruth Barton, and removed to Preston, Conn.

First. We copy what is to be found in the comprehensive work of Hon. James Savage, LL. D., President of the Massachusetts Historical Society, entitled "The Genealogical Dictionary of New England, down to 1700":—

"COOKE, GREGORY, Cambridge, shoemaker, by wife Mary, who died Aug. 17, 1681; had Stephen, born about 1647; and Susanna, who died on Nov. 13, 1674. He lived in that part of Cambridge, now Newton, in 1672; next year was of Watertown, yet had some years been at Mendon, where he was selectman in 1669. Was of Watertown again in 1684, and of Cambridge; was selectman in 1678 and sometime

afterwards. He married, Nov. 1, 1681, widow Susanna Goodwin, and died Jan. 1, 1691. His widow, on Sept. 15 following, married Henry Spring.

"COOKE, STEPHEN, of Watertown and Newton, son of Gregory, married, Nov. 19, 1679, Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Flagg, and had children, viz. Mary, b. Dec. 2, 1681; Stephen, b. Jan. 9, 1683; Isaac, b. April 28, 1685; John, b. March 16, 1687; James, b. Jan. 23, 1689; Samuel, b. Dec. 3, 1690; Peter, b. Aug. 10, 1692; Daniel, b. —. He was a freeman and deacon in 1690. He died in 1738."

Second. We copy from Jackson's "History of Newton, Mass.":—

"COOK, GREGORY, purchased land (16 acres) in 1688 of Samuel Hyde, bounded east by the Dedham highway, west by land of Edward Jackson, west and south by land of said Hyde. This place was the homestead of some of his descendants to about the time of the Revolution. It was probably occupied by his son Stephen. Capt. Phineas Cook was the last of the name who possessed it. Captain Nutting lived there many years. It is now (1854) occupied by Nathaniel Brackett. In 1665 Abraham Williams conveyed to Gregory Cook his late mansion place and about six acres of land, bounded east by the highway leading from Watertown to Roxbury, and south by land of Edward Jackson, Sen'r, and north and west by the Dummer farm. This mansion house of Abraham Williams was at Newton Corner, very near the Watertown line. In 1672, Jeremiah Dummer, of Boston, conveyed to Gregory Cook, shoemaker, 112 acres of land, with a house and barn thereon, lying partly in Cambridge and partly in Watertown, bounded east by the highway, south by land of Edward Jackson, Sen'r, and Daniel Bacon, west by land of Thomas Parke, and north by the Charles River. This old sharp-roofed house, which stood where Henry Fuller's house now (1854) stands, was about one hundred and fifty years old when it was pulled down, about 1823. Gregory Cook was a constable in Cambridge village (as Newton was called from 1654 to 1679) in 1667. He was selectman in Meriden in 1669-70, and was a proprietor of forty acres there. His first wife's name was Mary. The death of their daughter, Susanna, is upon the Watertown record, Nov. 13, 1674. His wife, Mary, died Aug. 17, 1681. He married, 2d, widow Susanna Goodwin, in November, 1681. He died intestate June 1, 1690, and Stephen, supposed to be his son, administered upon the estate, which, according to the inventory, amounted to £191. 11s. His widow, Susanna, married, Sept. 15, 1691, Henry Spring.

"COOK, STEPHEN, married, 1679, Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Flagg, of Watertown, and had children, viz: Rebecca; Stephen, b. Jan. 9, 1683; Isaac, b. April 28, 1685; Abigail, b. March 31, 1688; Susanna, b. —; Hannah, b. —; Mary, b. Feb. 16, 1681; John, b. March 15, 1687; James, b. Jan. 23, 1689; Samuel, b. Dec. 3, 1690; Peter, b. Aug. 10, 1692; Daniel, b. 1696. Abigail married — George, of Watertown; Hannah married — Blake; Mary married John Dix. Stephen Cook was a signer of the secession (Newton from Cambridge) petition of 1678. Was a partner, in 1693, in business with John Briscoe, of Watertown, and was selectman of Newton 1697-98, 1708, and 1716. His wife, Rebecca, died in 1728, aged 60. He died 1738, aged 91 (from grave-stone).

"COOKE, JOHN, son of Stephen and Rebecca, of Watertown, married, Dec. 6, 1715, Ruth, daughter of James Barton, and settled in Preston, Conn."

Third. We copy from Dr. Bond's "Genealogies of Watertown, Mass.":—

"COOK (COOKE), GREGORY, a cordwainer, of Cambridge, as early as 1665; a selectman of Newton, 1669; owned a farm of 112 acres, between Angier's Corner and Watertown bridge, situate partly in Watertown and partly in Newton. He had two wives: the first, Mary, died Aug. 17, 1681, and he married Nov. 1, 1681, widow Susanna Goodwin. His daughter, Susanna, died Nov. 13, 1674. He died Jan. 1, 1690, and his widow, Jan. 8, 1691, married Henry Spring. His estate was administered by his son, Stephen. Inventory £191. 11s. Administration was granted Apr. 7, 1691. Gregory Cook was a member of a coroner's jury in Watertown, June 15, 1674, and was selectman in 1678, 1679, 1681.

"STEPHEN COOK, son of Gregory, born 1647, married, Nov. 1, 1679, Rebecca Flagg. He was admitted to Mr. Bailey's church, full communion, March 4, 1687-8. She died, June 20, 1721, and he died in Newton in 1738, aged 91. As he lived on the border of Cambridge (Newton) the births of his children are recorded there: Mary, b. Dec. 2, 1681 (baptized in Watertown, April 15, 1688); Stephen, b. June 9, 1683; Isaac, b. Dec. 28, 1685; John, b. March 15, 1686-7 (?) (the John of Preston, who married in Watertown, Dec. 6, 1715, Ruth Barton); James, b. July 23, 1688-9; Samuel, b. Dec. 3, 1690; Peter, b. Aug. 10, 1692; Daniel, b. —; married, 1722, Mary, daughter of Abraham Jackson, and died childless."

Before following the family to Connecticut, we quote what learned genealogists and antiquarians have gleaned of the Flagg family, into which Dea. Stephen Cook married, and the Barton family, from which John Cook took a wife. Dr. Bond, in his "Genealogies of Watertown," says:—

"THOMAS FLAGG settled in Watertown as early as 1641, and was probably the ancestor of all families bearing that name in this country. He was selectman in 1671, 1674, 1675, 1676, and 1678. He lost his left eye by a gun-shot accident previous to 1659, and died Feb. 6, 1697-8. His will was dated March 5, 1696-7. His wife, Mary, was born 1619. Her will dated Dec. 30, 1702, and probated April 21, 1703. Children: 1, Gershom, b. April 16, 1641, freeman 1674, July 6, 1690, was killed by Indians; 2, John, b. June 14, 1643; 3, Thomas, b. April 28, 1646; 4, Bartholomew, b. Feb. 23, 1644; 5, Michael, b. March 23, 1650; 6, Eleazer, b. May 14, 1653; 7, Elizabeth, b. March 22, 1654, married Oct. 20, 1676, Joshua Bigelow, and died Aug. 9, 1729; 8, Mary, born June 4, 1657, married June 3, 1674, Samuel Bigelow, and died Sept. 7, 1720; 9, Rebecca, born Sept. 5, 1660, married Nov. 19, 1679, Dea. Stephen Cook; 10, Benjamin, b. June 25, 1662, freeman 1690, died May 3, 1741, in Worcester; 11, Allen, b. May 16, 1665, died Nov. 11, 1711.

"Thomas Flagg continued to be selectman, 1681, 1685, and 1687. He was released from training by paying 5s. per annum. His will, proved Feb. 16, 1697-8, mentions only a part of his children, viz: Sons—Thomas, Michael, Allen, and Benjamin; and daughter Rebecca Cook. The will of his widow, Mary, dated Dec. 30, 1702, mentions only a part of her children, viz: Mary Bigelow, Elizabeth Bigelow, Rebecca Cook, and son, Benjamin."

In the early account of the town, the name is written for eighty years or more, Flegg.

Hon. James Savage, President of the Massachusetts Historical Society, in his *Genealogical Dictionary*, says:—

“FLEGG, THOMAS, of Watertown, came as a servant to Richard Carver, from Scratly, in the hundred of East Flegg, Norfolkshire, a place a few miles north of Yarmouth, where they embarked 1637, aged 21, wife Mary.

“BARTON, JAMES, of Newton, 1688, had been of Boston, where he had a good estate, and was a rope maker. By wife Margaret, he had children, viz: Margaret; John, born Sept. 5, 1686; and others. He died in 1729, aged 86, leaving widow, who died in 1731, aged 87. His daughter, Margaret, married Robert Calef.”

Jackson, in his *History of Newton*, says:—

“BARTON, JAMES, and his wife, Margaret, had a son, John, Sept. 5, 1686. He was a rope maker, and owned a wharf on Ann Street. In 1688 he purchased land in Newton and Watertown, and erected his dwelling house just within the bounds of Watertown, on the south side of the Charles River. His will, dated 1729, bequeathed £30 per annum for four years after entering college, to his grandson, Thomas Stanton; his great Bible to his son John; £100 to his daughter, Margaret Calef; to his mulatto maid servant, Tidy, her freedom and 40s. His daughters, Margaret Simpson, and Ruth Cook, are named with bequests; his inventory names two negroes and one negro woman. His mansion house, with outbuildings and 6 1-2 acres of land, are valued at £2,690. 14s.; wharf in Boston, called by his name, £1,000; building on same, fronting Ann Street, £1,200.

“He and his wife were both buried in Newton, where their large gravestones are the only record of their deaths and ages. James died 1729, aged 86; Margaret died 1731, aged 87.”

The remainder of this genealogical sketch has been gathered from old Bibles and records in the possession of present descendants of John Cook, who settled in Preston, Conn., about 1700-10. If there were doubts of the connection between the preceding and the succeeding, the agreement in date of the birth of John Cook would dispel them.

COOK FAMILY RECORDS.

EXPLANATION.—The arrangement is such that the members are numbered by Arabic figures in regular order from the emigrant. Children of the same family are named in order of birth, indicated by small Roman numerals.

The small figures following the names indicate the generation, and the descent from the emigrant is represented, bracketed, in italics, thus: **164.** WILLIAM-AVERY COOKE⁸ (*Dwight¹, James⁶, Isaiah⁵, James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*), which signifies that William-Avery Cooke is of the eighth generation, a son of Dwight of the seventh, who was a son of James of the sixth, who was a son of Isaiah of the fifth, who was a son of James of the fourth, who was a son of John of the third, who was a son of Stephen of the second, who was a son of Gregory, from whom the pedigree descends.

Children, whose mothers or grandmothers were Cooks, are printed in italic letters, in the body of the paragraph proceeding from the Cook family, whence they derive issue. Grandchildren are numbered in brackets.

1. GREGORY COOKE resided in Cambridgeville, now Newton, Mass. (south side of Charles River), in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, 1665-90. He built and occupied a house at what is now known as Angier's Corner, Newton, Mass. His farm extended from there, along the Charles River, to Watertown bridge. The house was occupied by his descendants till the Revolution. He was a shoemaker. His wife was Mary——, who died in August, 1681. He married, November, 1681, a widow, Susanna Goodwin. Gregory Cooke died Jan. 1, 1690-1.

CHILDREN:

2. i. STEPHEN, b. 1647; m. Rebecca Flag.

The inventory of Gregory's estate reads as follows:—

An Inventory of the estate of Gregory Cook of Wattertowne, deceased January ye first 1690 91:—

wairing appairel	2 10 00
one ffeather bed with furneture	6 00 00
two flock beds with furneture	3 10 00

Lining	1	10	00
In brass	2	03	00
In pewter	0	16	00
Two Iron pots, Tramel & pot hooks	0	12	00
end irons frieingpan griddiron & Spit		18	00
a Joynd chest a plain chest & cubord chest		18	00
A table & fouram	1	00	00
9 Chiers 2 Cushons	0	15	00
In Books	2	00	00
7 barils a churn & other woden vesels	0	15	00
Salt meat and tubs	1	10	00
About 20 bushels of Indian Corn	2	00	00
Rie & barly about 16 bushels	2	00	00
2 Spining wheels	0	04	00
furneture for a horse	0	14	00
New taned Leather	0	14	00
A Kneading trough with other Lumber		05	00
Sheeps wooll & hopps		12	00
Utansils for husbandry	2	15	00
2 horses & 2 colts	6	00	00
7 cows	14	00	00
2 heiffers	2	00	00
10 Sheep	2	05	00
5 Swine	2	05	00
Dweling house & barn with 56 Acres of Land adjoyng	100	00	00
4 Acres of marsh	[sic] 250	00	00
20 Acres of remote land	05	00	00
Sum totall	190	11	00

Prized the 24th of february 1690

By us —

WILLIAM BOND, SENIOR.
THOMAS GREENWOOD.

Adm. granted to Steeven Cook (sun of ye above named Greg: Cook de + ed) giveng bond as ye Law directs, & he swoar to this Invent. in open Court.

Atts. SAMLL PHIPPS, Cler.

A Copy. Attest: J. H. TYLER, Register.

2. STEPHEN COOKE² (*Gregory*¹) was undoubtedly born in England, and came with his father to Cambridge, settling in Cambridgeville. He was a member of Mr. Bailey's church, full communion, Watertown, where he was deacon. He was a farmer, and a selectman of Newton, 1697-98, 1708, and 1716. His name appears on the list of petitioners to the General Court, in 1678, for the set-off of Cambridgeville into a new town, which, being accomplished, took the name of Newton. He married, Nov. 19, 1679, Rebecca Flagg, a daughter of Thomas Flagg, of Watertown (came to New England with Richard

Carver in the —), where she was born, Sept. 5, 1660; was admitted a member of Mr. Angier's church, Newton, full covenant, March 4, 1687-8, and died June 20, 1721. Mr. Cook died in 1738.

CHILDREN:

3. i. MARY, b. Dec. 2, 1681.
4. ii. STEPHEN, b. June 9, 1683; d. 1760.
5. iii. ISAAC, b. Dec. 28, 1685.
6. iv. JOHN, b. March 15, 1686-7; m. Ruth Barton.
7. v. JAMES, b. July 23, 1688-9.
8. vi. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 3, 1690; settled in Windham, Conn.
9. vii. PETER, b. Aug. 10, 1692.
10. viii. DANIEL, m. Mary Jackson.

4. STEPHEN COOKE³ (*Stephen*², *Gregory*¹) was born in Newton, June, 1683. He was a miller in Watertown, where he died in 1760. His wife was named Hannah.

CHILDREN:

11. i. JAMES.
12. ii. JOHN.
13. iii. ABIGAIL; m. — Gamage.
14. iv. SUSANNA.
15. v. HANNAH; m. — Blake.
16. vi. MARY; m. John Dix. ✓

The will of Stephen Cooke reads as follows:—

In the name of God Amen—I Stephen Cook of Watertown in the County of Middlesex and his Majesties province of the Massachusetts bay in New England Miller—Being Advanced in Years but of sound and perfect Mind and Memory (Blessed be God) Do this fourteenth day of August One Thousand Seven hundred and fifty seven make and publish this My Last Will and Testament.

After my Just debts and funerall Charges are paid I Give

Imprim. To my Well Beloved Wife Hannah the One half of the Yearly Income of my Real Estate which is Entered in the Registry of Deeds for this County Liber Nineteen Page One hundred and five Six During her Life —

Item. I Give to my Beloved Son James Cook two Acres of Woodland Lying in Newton adjoining to his farm he Purchased of Mr. David Knap and my farm in Framingham which he Has Received already to Him and his heirs for ever.

Item. I give to my Beloved Son John Cook all my Lands houses and Grist mill described in my deed of Gift to him and His Mortgage deed to me for the performance of Certain Conditions Mentioned therein as Recorded in the Registry of Deeds for said County & his heirs for ever. He or they paying One Half the Income as abovesaid to my Dearly beloved Wife and the Severall Sums Mentioned in said Deed.

Item. I give the whole Remainder of my Estate both Real and Personall wheresoever it may be found to my well beloved children and Grand children as hereafter mentioned—viz.: To my daughter Abigail Gamage and her heirs One full share.

To the heirs of Susanna Cook one full share.

To the heirs of my daughter Hannah Blake One full share.

To the Surviving Children of my daughter Mary Dix One Share amounting thirteen pounds six shillings and eight pence—Lawfull money—as part Thereof which I have already given them more than the Others My Intention being that the Residue of my Estate not Disposed of as abovesaid Including the Thirteen pounds Six Shillings and Eight pence should Be Equally divided Between the said Abigail Gamage and the heirs of my other daughters as above mentioned. And I Do Make and Ordain My Son John Cook and Son In Law John Dix Executors of this my will to take Care and see the Same Performed According to my True Intent and Meaning In Witness whereof I the said Stephen Cook have to this my Last Will and Testament Sett my hand and Seal the day and year within written.

STEPHEN COOK. [SEAL.]

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Stephen Cook the Testator as and for his Last Will and Testament In Presence of us who were Present att the Signing and Sealing Thereof.

JOHN HUNT.

NATH'L HARRINGTON.

RUTH HUNT.

A Copy. Attest, J. H. TYLER, *Register*.

6. JOHN COOKE³ (*Stephen*², *Gregory*¹) was born in Newton, March 15, 1687-8; settled in Preston, Conn., in or before 1710; he married in Watertown, Mass., Dec. 6, 1715, Ruth, daughter of James Barton, a merchant of Boston, living in Newton, Mass. John Cooke was a farmer. In 1719, he was one of the two grand jurors from Preston; in 1730-38, he was a selectman; in 1731-32 and 1735-38, he was the deputy (representative) from Preston to the General Assembly of the Colony; in 1736, he was justice of the peace, and in 1737, town agent. He died in Preston, Aug. 22, 1762. Mrs. Ruth Cooke died in Preston, June 27, 1771.

CHILDREN:

17. i. JAMES, b. Jan. 1, 1717; m. Rebecca Larrabee.
18. ii. MARGARET, b. April 4, 1718; m. William Williams.
19. iii. ISAIAH, b. March 18, 1719-20; d. young.
20. iv. THADDEUS, b. Nov. 8, 1721; m. 1st, Hannah Tingley; 2d, Zerviah Hinckley.
21. v. RUTH, b. July 10, 1723; m. — Fish.
22. vi. JOHN, b. Nov. 5, 1724; m. Sarah Tracy.
23. vii. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 31, 1726; m. Jan. 8, 1751, Peter Parke, of Preston, and had children: 1, *Jesse*, b. Aug. 14, 1752; 2, *Eleazer*, b. March 27, 1755; 3, *Mary*, b. Feb. 9, 1762. On Mr. Parke's death she m. John Ayers.
24. viii. ELIZABETH, b. April 15, 1728; m. — Sherman.
25. ix. MARGERV, b. May 10, 1730; m. — Dorrance; had children: 1, *Barton*, and 2, *Elizabeth*.
26. x. BARTON, b. Jan. 7, 1732-3; m. Hannah Tracy.

The will of John Cooke reads as follows :—

At a Court of Probate held in the District of Norwich, September 7, 1762. —

The last Will and Testament of Mr. John Cook Esq of Preston in the County of New London and Colony of Connecticut this 24th day of April 1762, I the said John Cook having my understanding and memory, thanks be given to God therefor, calling to mind the mortality of my body, and that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament—first and principally—I recommend my soul to God that gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent christian burial at the discretion of my Executor, nothing doubting but that I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, at the general resurrection,—And as concerning my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, viz:—

After my just debts and funeral charges are paid—

Imprimis.—I give out of this my estate unto my beloved wife Ruth, all my household movables exclusive of my money and bonds and notes for money, and two cows to be at her disposal for ever; and the improvement of one third of all my real estate hereafter given to my Executor to this Will; and her fire wood brought to her door and cut fit for the fire, so long as she lives my widow and no longer, for I have given her enough in case she marries again.

Item.—I give out of my estate besides what he has already had to my son James thirty acres of land lying in the South East corner of Preston as it is surveyed to me—

Item.—I give out of this my estate besides what he has had to my son Thaddeus the North half of my Cedar Swamp lot of land that I bought of the Billings as it is bounded to me by their deed and my servant Negro lad in his 17th year named *Dick Mingo* all at his disposal for ever—

Item.—I give out of this my estate besides what he has had to my son John a certain parcel of land—Beginning South West of his house at a wall that Butts down to Pachaug River—from thence Northwardly by said wall and North Easterly to two Chestnut trees in the wall and from thence a straight line Easterly to the end of the wall over the Calmas Brook—thence in a straight line to a single Rock with stones on it about 10 rods Westerly of Thaddeus South West White Oak Bounds and so to it, and bounding by his land to Pachaug River—thence by said River down stream as it runs bounding to his own land and Samuel Holley's until it comes to the bound first mentioned, with all the buildings and utensels belonging to it.—The other is a tract and piece of Meadow that he has mowed bounded as followeth—Beginning at a Great Ash by the said River, thence Easterly to a meer stone by the side of a small Poplar—thence Southwardly to a meer stone in the mowing meadow—thence the same line to said River thence bounding on said River down stream as it runs to the bound first mentioned—And that parcel or lot of land on the Mountain bounding to James Rix as it is surveyed to me—And the Southwardly part of the Cedar Swamp lot lying in Voluntown as above mentioned all to be at his disposal forever—

Item.—I give out of this my estate unto my Daughter Margaret Twenty six pounds to be paid to her in one year after my Death—this to be besides what she has already had—

Item.—I give unto my Daughter Ruth out of this my estate more than what she hath already had, sixteen pounds to be paid to her in eighteen months after my Death—

Item. — I give unto my Daughter Abigail out of this my Estate besides what she hath already had, sixteen pounds to be paid to her in two years after my Death —

Item. — I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth out of this my Estate, the privilege of living with her mother and fire Room as long as she lives unmarried and Forty Pounds in money within Thirty months after my Death —

Item. — I give to my Daughter Margery liberty to take all that was reputed to be hers before she returned to live again in my house to be none of my estate, and I give to her children my grand children Barton and Elizabeth I give out of this my estate to each of them Twenty Pounds in money as they shall arrive at lawful age — And further my will is that the above Legacies be all paid in Lawful Money, or Lawful Bills of Public Credit of this Colony —

Item. — I give unto my son Barton all the rest of my Lands or Real Estate lying or being in Preston or Voluntown and my Negro Servants and all my farming or husbandry necessities of all sorts for carrying on husbandry work and all my stock of living creatures and all movable estate, moneys or specialties for money that is not heretofore given away — whom I do make and ordain to be my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament Renouncing all other wills and Bequeaths Ratifying of this and this only to be my last Will and Testament — I give my wearing apparel equally amongst my four sons except my Shirt Buttons which I give to my grandson Isaiah Cook. —

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of April A. D. 1762.

JOHN COOK [SEAL.]

Signed Sealed Pronounced and Declared by the said John Cook to be his Last Will and Testament in presence of —

SAMUEL MORGAN.

SIMEON MORGAN.

JOHN MORGAN.

The above Will was proved before Samuel Coit Justice of the Peace September 4th, 1762, and approved and recorded as above September 7th 1762, by the Court of Probate.

17. JAMES COOK⁴ (*John*³, *Stephen*², *Gregory*¹) was born in Preston, Jan. 1, 1717. He spent his life as a farmer and clothier in Preston. The date of his death is unknown to his descendants, to-day. He married Rebecca Larrabee, who was born in 1721, was the mother of two of his children, and died Nov. 28, 1748. Mr. Cook, subsequently, married — Parks, who was the mother of four of his children. The date of her death is likewise unknown. It is desirable that further search be made in the public and church records at Preston for these dates, and a more complete record of this family, which is felt to be imperfect.

CHILDREN :

27. i. DANIEL, b. — 1743; d. unm. Aug. 13, 1796.
28. ii. ISAAH, b. Feb. 14, 1741; m. Mary Palmer.
29. iii. NATHAN, b.
30. iv. STEPHEN, b.
31. v. ELISHA, b. —; m. Anne —.
32. vi. ELIPHALET, b.

20. THADDEUS COOK⁴ (*John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, Nov. 18, 1721. He married in Preston, April 4, 1751, Hannah Tingley, who died Dec. 11, 1751. He married, 2d, Jan. 30, 1754, Zerviah Hinckley, of Stonington, who was the mother of his children. He was a farmer, and resided in Preston, where in 1744 he was lister (assessor); in 1752, he was tithingman; in 1756, grand juror; in 1758, selectman; and in 1764, captain.

CHILDREN :

- 33. i. THADDEUS, b. June 22, 1755.
- 34. ii. ZERVIAH, b. Aug. 20, 1757.
- 35. iii. HANNAH, b. June 19, 1760.
- 36. iv. RUTH, b. June 5, 1762; d. March 14, 1763.
- 37. v. SAMUEL, b. March 20, 1764; d. April 26, 1764.
- 38. vi. SAMUEL, b. May 18, 1765.
- 39. vii. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 7, 1767.
- 40. viii. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 15, 1773.
- 41. ix. EUNICE, b. April 24, 1775; d. Feb. 11, 1781.

22. JOHN COOK⁴ (*John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, Nov. 5, 1724. He married in Preston, Nov. 11, 1755, Sarah Tracy, of Norwich. Mr. John Cook died Jan. 17, 1800.

CHILDREN :

- 42. i. DESIRE, b. Nov. 29, 1756.
- 43. ii. JOHN, b. May 16, 1758.
- 44. iii. BENAJAH, b. Dec. 19, 1759.
- 45. iv. SARAH, b. April 5, 1762.
- 46. v. PEARLY, b. Oct. 2, 1764.
- 47. vi. RUTH, b. March 12, 1767.
- 48. vii. ELIAS, b. Aug. 14, 1770.
- 49. viii. MARGARET, b. Sept. 27, 1771.
- 50. ix. PHINEHAS, b. April 7, 1774.
- 51. x. JAIR, b. Oct. 6, 1777.
- 52. xi. STEPHEN, b. April 28, 1780.

26. BARTON COOK⁴ (*John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, Jan. 7, 1732-33. He married in Preston, Oct. 14, 1762, Hannah Tracy.

CHILDREN :

- 53. i. CLARISSA, b. March 3, 1764.
- 54. ii. ESQUIRE-JOHN, b. July 14, 1765.
- 55. iii. BARTON, b. Dec. 12, 1766.
- 56. iv. HANNAH, b. July 21, 1768.
- 57. v. REBECCA, b. July 23, 1771.
- 58. vi. DEWEY, b. Dec. 10, 1772.
- 59. vii. HART, b. Sept. 8, 1775.
- 60. viii. LUCY, b. Sept. 29, 1777.

28. ISAIAH COOK⁵ (*James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, Feb. 16, 1741. He was a farmer and clothier. He married March 21, 1765, Mary Palmer, daughter of Samuel Palmer, a farmer of Norwich. Isaiah Cook died in Preston, Feb. 10, 1803.

CHILDREN :

61. i. EPHRAIM, b. Oct. 31, 1765; settled in Washington Co., N. Y.
62. ii. JAMES, b. Jan. 3, 1768; m. Persis Herrick.
63. iii. DANIEL, b. Dec. 14, 1769.
64. iv. CHESTER, b. Nov. 16, 1772; settled in Washington Co., N. Y.
65. v. REBECCA, b. Jan. 10, 1775; m. ——— and settled in Washington Co., N. Y.
66. vi. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 14, 1776.
67. vii. ADIN, b. May 27, 1779.
68. viii. ISAIAH, b. March 28, 1781; settled in Washington Co., N. Y.
69. ix. JOHN-LARRABEE, b. April 5, 1783.
70. x. MARY, b. July 8, 1785.
71. xi. PALMER, b. Dec. 24, 1787.

31. ELISHA COOK⁵ (*James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston. He had wife Anne. Elisha Cook died in Preston, Nov. 8, 1793.

CHILDREN :

72. i. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 16, 1783.
73. ii. SARAH, b. Jan. 31, 1785.
74. iii. GREGORY, b. Nov. 9, 1786.
75. iv. STEPHEN, b. Feb. 19, 1790.

33. THADDEUS COOK⁵ (*Thaddeus⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, June 22, 1755. He married in Preston, Jan. 4, 1781, Sarah Prentiss. Thaddeus Cook was selectman of Preston in 1797-1802.

CHILDREN :

76. i. ZERVIAH, b. July 15, 1782.
77. ii. NATHAN, b. July 19, 1784.
78. iii. CHARLES, b. Nov. 2, 1786.
79. iv. EUNICE, b. April 9, 1789; m. March 15, 1814, William S. Gordon, of Voluntown, b. June 24, 1792; children: 1, *Thaddeus-C.*, b. April 25, 1816; 2, *William-Stewart*, b. Nov. 4, 1818; 3, *Eunice-Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 10, 1821; 4, *Rosanna*, b. Dec. 28, 1823; 5, *Caroline*, b. Feb. 21, 1826; 6, *Emily*, b. March 30, 1828.
80. v. SARAH, b. Jan. 22, 1793.
81. vi. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 30, 1794.
82. vii. SAMUEL, b. May 10, 1797.
83. viii. MARY, b. July 22, 1799.
84. ix. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 6, 1803.



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44. BENAJAH COOK⁵ (*John*⁴, *John*³, *Stephen*², *Gregory*¹) was born in Preston, Dec. 19, 1759. He married Feb. 24, 1793, Cassandra Fanning, of Groton.

CHILD:

85. i. BENAJAH-STANTON, b. Aug. 4, 1794.

46. PEARLY COOK⁵ (*John*⁴, *John*³, *Stephen*², *Gregory*¹) was born in Preston, Oct. 2, 1764. His father owning a tract of wild land in Murryfield (now Chester), Mass., offered it to this son, on his arriving at manhood, if he would accept and settle it. The young man accepted, and with pack and staff, in 1789, journeyed to the property. On arrival at Westfield, Mass., he was informed that only a bridle path led to Murryfield. The way was through woods, with only an occasional log cabin on which he must depend for food. Nothing daunted, he continued his way and reached the location. He at once built himself a cabin and cleared a patch for planting. Possessed of a good sound school training, to which he had added, after leaving school, the knowledge and practice of land surveying, he earned a little money in the new settlement, by bounding and blazing the farms of his neighbors. In the winter, he taught school in the towns nearer the Connecticut valley. Every summer he steadily enlarged his farm, till he felt able to marry. This he accomplished June 16, 1795, when he espoused Lovina Burt, daughter of Noah Burt, of Southampton, Mass., by whom he had eleven children, five sons and six daughters. In 1800, he built what was long known in that country as Cook's Tavern, which he kept till 1830, and where, in connection with his other business, he accumulated a large property. In all his business dealings he was uncommonly exact and honest. He was a man of firm physical constitution and seldom sick. In 1835, as the result of an accident, he sustained the amputation of a leg; after which, he rode over his farm, directing operations and controlling all his interests.

Mrs. Cook died in 1848. Mr. Cook lived to be the oldest person in Chester, where he died July 10, 1854. Three sons survived him, John J., P. Burt, and E. W.; but we have not the names of other children.

CHILDREN:

86. i.	92. vii.
87. ii.	93. viii.
88. iii.	94. ix.
89. iv.	95. x.
90. v.	96. xi.
91. vi.	

54. 'ESQUIRE JOHN COOK⁵ (*Barton⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, July 14, 1765. He married Jan. 22, 1797, Patty Clark, of Middletown, Vt.

CHILDREN :

- 97. i. PATTY, b. May 4, 1798.
- 98. ii. ESQUIRE-CLARK, b. June 13, 1799.
- 99. iii. POLLY, b. Sept. 4, 1800.
- 100. iv. CLARISSA, b. Dec. 3, 1802.
- 101. v. BETSEY, b. Sept. 3, 1804.
- 102. vi. FANNY, b. July 25, 1806.
- 103. vii. ROXANNA, b. March 6, 1809.
- 104. viii. AVIS-ELECTA, b. May 3, 1811.

62. CAPT. JAMES COOK⁶ (*Isaiah⁵, James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, Jan. 3, 1768. He was a farmer, miller, and manufacturer, being, in connection with his father, the pioneer in the woolen manufactures of that section of Connecticut, and brought up his sons, six in all, to the same business, which all of them followed chiefly through life. He married Nov. 3, 1793, Persis Herrick, a daughter of Isaac Herrick, Esq., of Worthington, Mass., where she was born Aug. 28, 1774. James Cook was a prominent and influential citizen of Preston throughout a long life; was chairman of the board of selectmen in 1818-24; was representative of the town in the legislatures of 1818-19 and 1825. Mr. Cook died in Preston, Nov. 23, 1850, and Mrs. Cook, July 27, 1847.

CHILDREN :

- 105. i. JAMES, b. Oct. 4, 1794; m. Lovisa Ayer.
- 106. ii. PERSIS, b. May 8, 1796; m. June 9, 1817, Frederick Ayer, of Groton, b. Aug. 17, 1792. Children: 1, *Frederick*, b. Oct. 27, 1817; d. June 17, 1818. 2, *James-Cook*, b. May 5, 1819; m. Nov. 14, 1850, in Lowell, Mass., Josephine-Mellen Southwick, b. Dec. 15, 1827, by whom he had [1], *Frederick-Fanning*, b. Sept. 12, 1851; A. B. Harvard, 1875; [2], *Henry-Claflin*, b. May 16, 1853; [3], *Leslie-Josephine*, b. July 20, 1855. Dr. Ayer d. July 2, 1878. 3, *Fanny*, b. Oct. 20, 1820; d. Nov. 23, 1835. 4, *Frederick*, b. Dec. 8, 1822, in Ledyard, New London Co.; m. at Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 15, 1858, Cornelia Wheaton, dau. of C. A. Wheaton, of Pompey Hill, N. Y., where she was b. June 20, 1835, by whom he had, [1], *Ellen-Wheaton*, b. Nov. 28, 1859; [2], *James-Cook*, b. Oct. 13, 1862; [3], *Charles-Fanning*, b. Nov. 22, 1865; [4], *Louise*, b. Jan. 17, 1876. Mrs. Ayer d. at their residence in Lowell Jan. 9, 1878, deeply lamented. She was a lady of uncommon loveliness of character, sweetness, and amiability, and was greatly beloved by a wide acquaintance. 5, *Lovisa-L-F.*, b. in Ledyard, Dec. 24, 1825; m. in Skaneateles, N. Y., May 27, 1846, Arden Moffitt, b. in Skaneateles, March 20, 1825. Children: [1], *Margaretta-Willetts*, b. in Willing, N. Y., June 24, 1851; m. in Lowell, Mass., Dec. 28, 1874, Charles-Edgar Smith, b. in Machias, Me., Dec. 25,

1840. They have, [1], *Archia*, b. in New York, July 24, 1876; [2], *Marion-Moffit*, b. Dec. 28, 1879. 2, *Fanny-Ayer*, b. in Scott, N. Y., June 17, 1849; m. Feb. 11, 1868, William-H. Reynolds, b. July 20, 1837. They have [1], *Willie-Ayer*, b. Dec. 14, 1868; [2], *James-L.*, b. Aug. 3, 1870; [3], *Ethel-M.*, b. Feb. 24, 1872; [4], *Charles-F.*, b. Sept. 19, 1875. 3, *Frederick-Ayer*, b. in Willing, N. Y., June 24, 1853. 4, *Josephine-Ferre*, b. in Ledyard, Feb. 22, 1857; m. Feb. 11, 1879, Wellington-A. Ingram, b. in West Oxford, Ont., June 24, 1853. They have, [1], *Nellie-Genevieve*, b. Nov. 9, 1881. 5, *Lilla-Marion*, b. in Ledyard, Oct. 8, 1866. Mr. and Mrs. Moffitt reside in Cromwell Co., Iowa. Frederick Ayer d. Dec. 24, 1825. Mrs. Ayer m. Ripley Park, by whom she had William. Mrs. Park d. in Lowell, July 23, 1880.
107. iii. CHESTER, b. March 27, 1798; m. Ann-Eliza Pollard; d. Sept. 2, 1880.
108. iv. CALVIN-WORTHINGTON, b. May 3, 1800; m. Eunice Crary; d. Feb. 15, 1873.
109. v. NATHAN, b. Nov. 20, 1802; m. Lucy Avery.
110. vi. ISAAC-HERRICK, b. Dec. 20, 1804; m. Abigail-L. Kimball; d. May 30, 1873.
111. vii. CHRISTA, b. March 10, 1807; m. March 14, 1831, Asa Gore, b. Dec. 14, 1808. Children: 1, *Christa-Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 15, 1832; d. May 25, 1834. 2, *Henry-Asa*, b. Oct. 14, 1834; m. Jan. 10, 1860, Marinette Sabine, by whom he had, [1], *Marinette-Dickinson*, b. Dec. 20, 1860. Henry-A. Gore d. in New York, Aug. 9, 1864. 3, *James-Alexander*, b. April 10, 1837; d. Aug. 23, 1840. 4, *Edward-Ferre*, b. April 13, 1839; d. July 28, 1859. 5, *Horace-Herrick*, b. March 15, 1841; d. May 10, 1863. 6, *Calvin*, b. Feb. 24, 1843; m. Feb. 24, 1869, Elizabeth Hoogland. 7, *Carlos*, b. Feb. 24, 1843; m. Nov. 24, 1869, Mrs. Marinette-S. Gore (widow of Henry-A.), by whom he had, [1], *Carlos-Sabine*, b. June 18, 1871; [2], *Josephine-Cook*, b. May 26, 1874; died May 3, 1875; [3], *Calvin-Howard*, b. April 14, 1876. 8, *Josephine-Cook*, b. Sept. 14, 1845; m. Nov. 25, 1869, Cyrus-Fortune Cook, and d. Dec. 2, 1870. Mrs. Christa Gore d. July 3, 1876.
112. viii. JOSEPHINE, b. April 5, 1810; m. Oct. 17, 1830, Enoch Ferre, of Wethersfield, b. June 14, 1806. Children: 1, *Ellen-Josephine*, b. March 11, 1832; m. July 13, 1852, J.-B. Pearson, and had, [1], *Charles-James*, b. Sept. 10, 1855; [2], *Carrie-Louise*, b. Oct. 18, 1862; [3], *Frederic-Welles*, b. May 18, 1865. 2, *Louisa-Maria*, b. March 16, 1834; d. Nov. 22, 1834. 3, *James-Cook*, b. July 12, 1836; m. April 15, 1862, J.-Augusta Hubbard, who d. Feb. 1, 1869; and he m. 2d, Oct. 12, 1871, Annie-C. Wilcox, by whom he had, [1], *Ellen-Josephine*, b. Nov. 5, 1872; [2], *Frederick-Wilcox*, b. March 22, 1875; [3], *Edward-Clifford*, b. Oct. 1876. 4, *Edward-Chapin*, b. Dec. 22, 1838; d. Oct. 22, 1861. 5, *Frederick-Ayers*, b. Nov. 20, 1840; d. Sept. 17, 1849. 6, *Enoch-Henry*, b. Sept. 22, 1842; d. Nov. 17, 1842. 7, *Henry-Dwight*, b. Sept. 30, 1843; m. Dec. 4, 1867, Mary Woodworth, by whom he had, [1], *James-Woodworth*, b. May 7, 1869; [2], *Fanny-Louise*, b. Oct. 8, 1871; d. Jan. 1, 1873; [3], *Josephine-Nichols*, b. Aug. 1875; d. Aug. 1876. 8, *Frank-Eugene*, b. Nov. 11, 1845. 9, *Mary-Louise*, b. April 14, 1848; m. April 14, 1869, Albert-R. Chittenden, of Middletown.
113. ix. DWIGHT-WIGHT, b. Feb. 6, 1813; m. Abby-Amelia Avery; d. April 9, 1877.
114. x. CYRUS-FORTUNE, b. Feb. 26, 1816; d. April 23, 1840.

67. ADIN COOK⁶ (*Isaiah⁵, James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, May 27, 1779; married, 1st, March 2, 1806, Esther Halsey.

CHILDREN:

- 115. i. MARY-ANN, b. Jan. 8, 1807.
- 116. ii. WARREN, b. Oct. 26, 1808; m. April 12, 1840, Abby Crary, of Preston.
- 117. iii. PAULINA, b. March 20, 1810.
- 118. iv. JOHN-JAY, b. Jan. 7, 1814.
- 119. v. ESTHER-CORDELIA, b. May 12, 1816.

Mrs. Esther Cook died Sept. 11, 1817, and Mr. Cook married, 2d, April 25, 1822, Sarah-C. Chapman.

CHILDREN:

- 120. vi. ADIN-TYLER, b. April 19, 1823.
- 121. vii. HENRY-ECKFORD, b. May 27, 1825.
- 122. viii. ROSALITHA-ADELAIDE, b. March 17, 1828.
- 123. ix. JAMES-ALBERT, b. Oct. 4, 1829.
- 124. x. SARAH-ELLEN, b. July 17, 1831.

69. JOHN-LARRABEE COOK⁶ (*Isaiah⁵, James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, April 5, 1783. He married — Morgan, of Stonington, and removed in 1804 to the Western Reserve, Ohio, where he cleared and settled a farm in Kinsman Township, Trumbull County, Ohio. There he remained till his death in 1835. His widow died June 24, 1856, in Wayne Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio.

CHILDREN:

- 125. i. PAULINA, b. 1808; m. — Dodge; d. March 15, 1871.
- 126. ii. AMAURET, b. 1810; d. 1838.
- 127. iii. JOHN-LARRABEE, b. 1812; res. Pierpont, O.; d. 1863.
- 128. iv. MORGAN-D., b. 1817; m.; res. Greenville, Penn.
- 129. v. MARY-PALMER, b. 1819.
- 130. vi. EUNICE, b. 1821; m.; lives in Denmark, Ashtabula Co., Ohio.
- 131. vii. ISAAH, b. 1823; m.; res. Greenville, Pa.
- 132. viii. ESTHER-B., b. 1826; m.; d. 1869.
- 133. ix. JAMES, b. 1828; d. 1830.
- 134. x. LUCY-C., b. 1830; m.; res. Michigan.
- 135. xi. JOSEPHINE, b. 1832; res. Lindenville, Wayne Township, Ashtabula Co., Ohio.

105. JAMES COOK⁷ (*James⁶, Isaiah⁵, James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, Oct. 4, 1794. He grew up a farmer's boy, and besides doing his share of farm work, labored as a hand in the clothier's shop or mill, run by his father. The custom among the Connecticut farmers in the early part of this century was to raise their



own wool; carding, spinning, and weaving it into cloth in their own families. Flax was in like manner manufactured in a domestic way, as many Scotch families had come from the north of Ireland and brought the linen fabrication with them. Mrs. Cook still keeps among her household stores beautifully figured linens, table-cloths, napkins, towels, sheets, etc., manufactured in her mother's family during her girlhood, three quarters of a century ago. The flannels, thus made, were sent to the clothier's mill to be fulled, colored, shorn, and finished ready for the tailor's shears. Mr. Cook's father was the proprietor and manager of such a fulling mill, and the young lad, as the oldest son, assisted and learned the secrets and arts of the trade in his boyhood. Three months' schooling in the winter, walking a mile for that purpose, snow or no snow, gave him his scholastic education. By the time the young man was grown, the last war with England, never popular in Connecticut, was over, and the father found himself with seven sons. It was time to think what to do with the older ones. Like other Connecticut farmers, he had bought land in the West, whose teeming prairies, not as yet free from the Indian, were being rapidly reclaimed by the pioneer farmer. James went on horseback before 1816 to visit, explore, and report upon a tract of six hundred acres thus possessed on the Reserve, as the northeastern section of Ohio was called. In this journey and exploration, the summer was consumed. The father's plan was to make a settlement, and divide the same among the young men. The report of the expedition was not in accordance with the parental design, and as the boys thought more of their skill as clothiers than as farmers, the land was exchanged for a woolen manufactory at Northampton, Mass., where Mr. Jacob Brewster had been running a mill of two sets of cards. The eldest three sons commenced the business of manufacturing broadcloth in this mill, of various colors, in pieces of forty yards each, under the firm of James & Chester Cook. The enterprise was fairly on foot by 1823, and one piece completed every day. This was thought to be great results, and it did exceed anything at that time developed in New England. Its encouragement was such that the boys each married, and several years, busy and happy, passed at the Northampton Woolen Manufactory. But Lowell had started upon the Merrimac, and a railroad was under construction to connect the new city with Boston, its commercial centre. Advantages at the embryo manufacturing city were considered superior to isolated individual enterprises, and in 1828 the brothers sold out. The directors of the Middlesex Company secured Mr. James Cook for their first agent, and in June,

1830, he assumed direction of the enterprise. The foundations of a mill were at once laid. Mr. Cook, with competent draughtsmen and engineers, drew plans of the entire mill, exhibiting every piece of machinery, every shaft, hanger, pulley, and belt in position, on each floor. The suite of drawings were finally bound in a large volume, which the Middlesex Company still preserve, among other archives, at their office on Warren Street, Lowell, Mass. Mr. Cook successfully managed this large and growing enterprise until 1845, a period of fifteen years, during which the company netted an annual profit of fifteen per cent. upon the capital invested. In the library of the Middlesex Company are thirty or forty large volumes, containing samples, one of each piece of the manufacture of the mills under Mr. Cook; a great variety, apparently numberless, in fabric and color, and affording a curious example of the change in fashion and taste of those days, as well as in the advance of the mills in the manufacture of merchantable woollens. During Mr. Cook's management of the Middlesex Mills many most valuable improvements were originated there, tried, tested, and altered till the desired object was attained, such as the improved condenser on carding, the rotary shearer, steam gigging, concentration of the old-fashioned double-cylinder carding engine into a single machine. The agents of the Middlesex since Mr. Cook have been Capt. O. H. Perry, Capt. G. V. Fox, W. C. Avery, Esq., and O. H. Perry, Esq.

While Mr. Cook was agent of the Middlesex Company, at Lowell, the first fancy cassimeres were woven in this country, or in the world, on a power-loom. Up to 1840, all figured woolen cloth had been woven on hand-loom, and it was thought it always would be. The ingenious Mr. William Crompton, a native of Lancashire, England, had in 1837 invented at Taunton, Mass., a loom capable of weaving fancy cottons; and in 1838, under Mr. Cook's direction, he erected one of his looms at the Middlesex, and by observing its operation as a cotton loom, a woolen loom was altered and changed till it produced the same result. It was a grand success. Though the loom was only 27 inches wide, the experiment proved that figured woollens could be woven on power-loom. Mr. Cook still preserves a cutting of this original piece of cloth,—a sample of the first ever woven on a power-loom in the world. The experience of Mr. Cook, the inventive genius of Mr. William Crompton, and the practical mechanics of Mr. Edward Winslow, then master-machinist at the Middlesex shop, united in developing the germ of what is now known everywhere as the Crompton loom. Broad looms were immediately built, and so successful

did they prove that the company declared, in the third year, a dividend of 33 per cent.

In 1846, Mr. Cook went as agent to the Winooski Mills at Burlington, Vt., and remained six years. During this period he took the gold medal of the American Institute and the Massachusetts Mechanics' Fair for goods manufactured at the Winooski Mills. Samples of various fabrics in assorted colors were sent to the World's Fair of all Nations, held at London, in 1851, for which Mr. Cook received a diploma signed by Prince Albert, consort of Victoria, queen of England, a bronze medal, and a large printed volume of the history, catalogue, and awards of the great exhibition. So far as he knows, he was the only Cook on the list of exhibitors, except the Messrs. Cooke, of Warwick, England, who contributed one of the most costly and admirable pieces of furniture in the Crystal Palace, called a buffet, a low sideboard for plate, rare glass, and China ware. The designs of this elaborately-carved decoration were suggestive of scenes in Scott's "Kenilworth," and so wonderfully and skilfully executed as to reflect the highest credit on the manufacturers. It was greatly admired.

From Burlington Mr. Cook went to the Uncas Woolen Company, at Norwich, where, though the manufacture was successful, the concern was too badly managed otherwise to succeed, and he returned to Lowell, after an absence of seven years.

Soon after, the disasters attendant upon the management of the Bay State Woolen Mills at Lawrence, with which the Middlesex of Lowell was largely and intimately involved, caused the stoppage of both. The bell of the Middlesex, which had sounded at the entrance of the canal into the Concord River for a quarter of a century, was silent. It was determined to revive the Middlesex Corporation, and the experience of Mr. Cook was obtained to appraise the mills, machinery, etc. On the formation of the new company, Mr. Cook was again put in charge of the works as the agent of the company, where he remained a year, and launched the enterprise upon the career of prosperity which it has ever since enjoyed. Mr. Cook had, however, accepted the secretaryship and treasury of the Lowell Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and he closed his career as a manufacturer. It was long, honorable, and successful, without parallel in America. Mr. Cook remained with the insurance company till 1877. When he took charge of its finances, the company had a cash surplus of \$3,000; when he left, it had a surplus of \$40,000. Such was the result of wise management, strict economy, and integrity.

Mr. Cook never has been much of a politician, though always voting

with his party, and cheerfully sustaining its leading measures. The citizens of Lowell placed him, in 1836, in their first common council; in 1853, he was again a member; and in 1858, was mayor of the city. When nominated by the American Republican party of Lowell for the mayoralty, the following correspondence passed:—

JAMES COOK, ESQ.:

Dear Sir,—The undersigned were appointed a committee at a general caucus of the American Republican party, held in Huntington Hall, Friday evening, Dec. 10th, to inform you that you had received the unanimous nomination of that party for the office of Mayor of this city.

It gives us great pleasure to be the medium of this communication, and we gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity thus afforded to request your acceptance of the nomination for the office above named, in accordance with the expressed wish of the American Republican party.

H. A. COOKE,
PHILIP HARDY,
A. P. BONNEY,
ANDREW MOODY,
ISAAC S. MORSE,
Committee.

LOWELL, Dec. 11, 1858.

MR. COOK'S REPLY.

To Messrs. H. A. Cooke, Philip Hardy, A. P. Bonney, Andrew Moody, Isaac S. Morse, Committee.

Gentlemen,—Your communication of the 11th, informing me of the nomination for Mayor by the American Republican party, is before me, and I improve the opportunity thus given to state that I accept the nomination in the same spirit in which it is generously tendered. Allow me to add, that the best years of my life have been spent in this honored city. With its fortunes my own are identified, and, if elected to the office for which I am nominated by the kindness and partiality of my fellow-citizens of the American Republican party, I shall use my best endeavors to promote the welfare and prosperity of the city of Lowell.

I am aware that objections are sometimes made to party nominations. They undeniably have some weight, and it is with diffidence that I accept the nomination of a political party, in view of this fact. But, having after mature deliberation embraced those political principles which I conceive to constitute the true policy of the country, I should be wanting in that frankness and sincerity which you have a right to expect, did I hesitate a moment in responding favorably to the partial manner in which you have been pleased to place me before the public. To the friends and fellow-citizens who have conferred upon me the honorable distinction of a nomination for the office of Mayor of this city, I can only say that, if elected, I shall faithfully adhere to the oath of office requisite to take, and shall use my utmost exertions not to forget the good opinion so flatteringly expressed in my favor.

Yours most respectfully,

LOWELL, Dec. 11, 1858.

JAMES COOK.

As a young man, Mr. Cook experienced the ardor of military life which accompanies early manhood, and was ensign of the company

of Connecticut militia enrolled in his neighborhood. He was in commission during the last war with Great Britain, in which it will be remembered a British frigate, under command of Sir Thomas Hardy, bombarded the town of Stonington. Mr. Cook and his company were on coast duty to prevent the enemy from landing. The exhibition of the militia force was sufficient, for, after a few days' harass of the town with their heavy guns, and several ineffectual attempts to land, the British withdrew, and anchored in the offing off Mystic. Ensign Cook and his company were a part of the force rendezvoused at Head of Mystic to prevent a landing there. It was noticed that the enemy sent out their barges and picked up every trading and fishing boat which appeared on the waters. It was decided to try a stratagem—a Yankee dodge—upon them. A boat with three resolute men, good watermen, was dispatched as a decoy, while Ensign Cook and his fifty-three men were picketed about three miles below camp, near the water. As was expected, the British barge chased the boat, which pulled for the shore, as agreed. As the barge and the boat grounded, Ensign Cook rose with his men, fired a volley, and called for the surrender, which was promptly effected. One man was killed, and two wounded in the barge. This put an end to the chasing and capture of small boats on that coast.

Mr. Cook married, April 19, 1820, Lovisa Ayer, a daughter of Elisha Ayer, of Groton, Conn., where she was born, Sept. 19, 1799. They reside on East Merrimack Street, Lowell, Mass.

CHILDREN.

- 136. i. UNNAMED, b. July 3, 1821; d. July 15, 1821.
- 137. ii. MARY-ANN, b. Oct. 29, 1827; d. Dec. 14, 1829.
- 138. iii. UNNAMED, b. Jan. 1, 1830; d. Jan. 3, 1830.
- 139. iv. MARY-ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 16, 1832; d. Sept. 2, 1837.

107. CHESTER COOK⁷ (*James⁶, Isaiah⁵, James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, March 27, 1798. He was bred a woolen manufacturer, which business he followed in Preston, in Northampton, Mass., in Skaneateles, N. Y., and at Rochester, N. Y. It was too early in the history of woolen manufacture in this country for his efforts to receive the success they were worthy of. Seeing that the foreign trade was too strong for such as he, Mr. Cook spent the latter years of his life as a farmer in Wisconsin. He married, April 14, 1822, Ann Eliza Pollard, of Poquetannock, a village of Groton, Conn., where she was born, Oct. 8, 1804. Mr. Cook died, Sept. 2, 1880.

CHILDREN :

- 140. i. JOHN-JAMES, b. May 11, 1823; m. Louisa-A. Marsh.
- 141. ii. WILLIAM-POLLARD, b. Jan. 2, 1825; was a member of Co. H, 108th Regt. Ill. Vol. Inf.; was present and engaged in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, and Arkansas Port; d. Feb. 8, 1863, at Ballard Farm Hospital, Young's Point, La., unmarried.
- 142. iii. EDWARD-CHESTER, b. March 2, 1827; m. Mary-A. Dransfield.
- 143. iv. EMELINE-ELIZABETH, b. June 29, 1829; d. May 12, 1830.
- 144. v. ISAIAH-PALMER, b. May 11, 1831; m. Mrs. Eliza-L. Harding.
- 145. vi. DWIGHT, b. Dec. 5, 1834; m. Jan. 17, 1866, Bettie Stone, dau. George Stone, Rock Prairie, Wis.
- 146. vii. JOSEPHINE, b. Feb. 14, 1836; m. Nov. 25, 1859, James Dransfield, of Janesville, Wisconsin; d. there Feb. 26, 1862.
- 147. viii. ANN-ELIZABETH, b. March 28, 1838; d. Sept. 28, 1838.
- 148. ix. ESTHER-FANNING, b. Jan. 28, 1840; m. Nov. 25, 1859, DuKay Hunt, of Janesville, Wis.; children: 1, *DeWitt*; 2, *Charlotte-Elizabeth*. Mrs. Hunt d. Aug. 16, 1879.
- 149. x. HENRY-CLAY, b. Sept. 12, 1843; m. Nov. 9, 1848, Eliza Cuckow.
- 150. xi. GEORGE-ARNOLD, b. Sept. 7, 1848; m. June 10, 1873, Maria K. Graham, b. at Burdette, N. Y., July 23, 1848. Resides in Chicago, in employ of Chicago & Northwestern Railway.

109. NATHAN COOK⁷ (*James⁶, Isaiah⁵, James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, Nov. 20, 1802. He married, Jan. 13, 1825, Lucy Avery, daughter of Ebenezer Avery, Esq., of Preston, where she was born April 4, 1802. They reside in Norwich.

CHILDREN :

- 151. i. NATHAN-AVERY, b. Nov. 3, 1825; m. July, 1880, Mrs. Albina Martin.
- 152. ii. CARLOS-ALLEN, b. June 23, 1828; m. Mrs. Kate Barmore.
- 153. iii. ALBERT-GALLATIN, b. Dec. 18, 1829; m. 1st, Sept. 1868, Elizabeth G. Hunt, dau. of Elihu S. Hunt, of Lowell. She d. Jan. 13, 1870; 2d, Mrs. Anne —, dau. of — Metcalf, of Worcester, Mass. Mr. Cook was a member of the house of Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass., where he d. Jan. 20, 1879.
- 154. iv. PERSIS-LUCIA, b. Dec. 16, 1836; m. June 29, 1869, Jackson F. Woodruff, of Chicago, Ill. Child: 1, *Albert Cook*, b. —.
- 155. v. CYRUS-FORTUNE, b. Sept. 22, 1841; m. 1st, Josephine C. Gore; 2d, Ida A. Barmore.

110. ISAAC-HERRICK COOK⁷ (*James⁶, Isaiah⁵, James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, Dec. 20, 1804. He married, Sept. 13, 1827, Abigail L. Kimball, who was born June 2, 1805. Mr. Cook continued the manufacturing of woolen goods at his father's mill, succeeding to the business and conducting its development with the advance of the times. His strict business habits and integrity, his industry and sagacity, made him successful. He had little time for

public duties, though he served the town as selectman in 1834, and as assessor in 1839. In his advanced years he delivered the business to his son, as his father had to him, and removed to Norwich, where he spent the remainder of his days. He died May 30, 1875.

CHILDREN :

- 156. i. CALVIN-J., b. Oct. 13, 1828; m. Emma E. Phillips and Sarah Smith.
- 157. ii. PERSIS-H., b. Feb. 28, 1830; m. Sept. 8, 1851, William-Hobart Cobb, b. Sept. 3, 1822; children: 1, *Mary-Torry*, b. Aug. 18, 1857; 2, *William-Hobart*, b. April 3, 1860; 3, *Abby-Lathrop*, b. Sept. 11, 1862.
- 158. iii. SYBIL-M., b. March 13, 1832; m. May 15, 1854, John J. Walker; children: 1, *Jessie-M.*; 2, *Henry-H.*
- 159. iv. ELISHA-K., b. May 13, 1834; d. unm. in South America in 1860.
- 160. v. LOVISA-E., b. Oct. 22, 1836; m. Nov. 7, 1861, Henry Ruggles; child: *Annie-L.* Mrs. Ruggles died Feb. 2, 1867.
- 161. vi. WILLIAM-AVERY, b. July 9, 1839; m. Alice S. Tracy.
- 162. vii. LUCY-KIMBALL, b. Nov. 30, 1842; d. Sept. 23, 1866.
- 163. viii. MARY-ELLEN, b. Oct. 9, 1847; m. Nov. 17, 1872, Arthur T. Gallup; child: *Carlos-Cook*, b. July 11, 1876.

108. CALVIN-WORTHINGTON COOKE⁷ (*James⁶, Isaiah⁵, James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, May 3, 1800; married Eunice B. Crary; died Feb. 15, 1873.

Mr. Cooke, like his brothers, was bred to the business of manufacturing wool into cloth, from boyhood. In this he became uncommonly proficient, and followed it through a long and active life. Few were so well qualified. In 1820, in connection with his brother, James Cook, he began manufacturing on his own account, in Northampton, Mass., where he remained until 1830, when he was offered and accepted the position of manufacturing superintendent of the Middlesex Mills, at Lowell, Mass. This position he occupied till 1845, when he removed to Seneca Falls, N. Y., to take charge of the woolen mills at that place, where he continued two years. In January, 1847, he entered upon the discharge of the duties of superintendent of the woolen mills at Waterloo, N. Y., to which position he brought large experience, thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the art of manufacturing in all its branches, great mental and physical activity, indomitable energy, perseverance and self-reliance, qualities which insured for himself a deservedly high reputation, and for the institution with which he was connected decided and permanent success.

Mr. Cooke was a zealous and efficient worker in the church. At St. Anne's, Lowell, and at St. Paul's, Waterloo, he was prominent in the Sunday school, which shared his time, his talents, and his energies. He was remarkably successful in organizing and managing them. At

one time in Waterloo he had a school of over six hundred attendants. So soon as he perceived an outlying district beyond the convenience of his school, he organized another, and conducted them all to the great benefit of the community and to the growth of the church.

Mr. Cooke died at Waterloo, from heart-disease, on Feb. 15, 1873. He was in discharge of his duties at the mill on the day preceding his death, so that its announcement fell sudden and saddening upon the community. As superintendent of the woolen mills for over a quarter of a century, and with the prosperity of which establishment his name was so thoroughly identified; brought into intimate personal relations with so many hundred employes, to every one of whom, it may be safely said, he was a personal friend; as warden of St. Paul's Church, active and zealous in all church-work, especially devoted to the Sunday-school, in the interest of which he had been a life-long worker; as a citizen, interested in and a promoter of all objects of public benefit; liberal but unostentatious in his many charities; the poor man's and the children's friend, his loss was deeply felt and most sincerely mourned.

On the Monday succeeding his death, the vestry of St. Paul's Church held a special meeting, at which the following communication was presented and read:—

ST. PAUL'S RECTORY, WATERLOO, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1873.

MY DEAR BRETHREN OF THE VESTRY:

It becomes my painful duty to announce to you, officially, an event which has already filled each one of our hearts with sadness.

A chair in our body has been vacated, which, for nearly twenty-seven years, has been filled with the presence of one to whom all eyes have been accustomed to turn with no common interest.

A voice has been forever hushed, whose words of wisdom and counsel ever elicited our closest attention and commanded our most profound reverence.

A beloved and venerated form, ever most actively employed in the interests of the Church of God, and around whom we used to gather with affectionate interest, has suddenly gone from our midst.

A name which was the synonym of fidelity, faithfulness, and goodness, has been transferred from the roll of the militant church to that of the church triumphant.

At three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, the 15th inst., the soul of Calvin W. Cooke, our late esteemed Senior Warden, was translated from earth to the paradise of God.

I am confident that you will all agree with the united testimony of the church, that he served the Lord Jesus Christ faithfully in his generation, and has been "gathered to his fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the community of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable religious and holy hope; in favor with God; and in perfect charity with the world."

WILLIAM D'ORVILLE DOTY,

Rector of St. Paul's Church.

The following resolutions were then passed by the vestry:—

WHEREAS, In the good providence of God, our venerable associate, Calvin W. Cooke, has been taken from among us by the hand of death,

Resolved, That we, the Rector, Warden, and Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Waterloo, hereby express our heartfelt sorrow at this event, which has cast a sudden gloom over our parish.

Resolved, That while we deplore the loss of our endeared associate, our hearts lighten at the thought that his earthly days gave constant witness of those virtues that round and fill the perfect harmony of a Christian life. That his devout example will for future years continue the priceless legacy of our parish, to the strengthening and encouragement of those who seek with pure hearts to follow the Master's teachings, and to further with earnest effort the welfare of His Holy Church.

S. WARNER,

Clerk of Vestry.

The heartfelt and profound grief for the loss of Mr. Cooke, so manifest and marked throughout the entire community, on his sudden decease, found its fullest development and expression Thursday, Feb. 20, 1873, when his mortal remains were consigned to their last resting-place, with the solemn rites of the church. For the three days preceding the funeral, hundreds had visited his late residence, to look for the last time upon the face of the deceased, and the unbidden tears and expressions of sorrow from all classes, indicated how sincerely his death was mourned. At a quarter past ten o'clock the procession took its way to the church. As was most fitting, the bearers were the overseers of the different rooms in the woolen mills: Andrew Sherman, John Marsden, George Haigh, John Clark, Thomas Fillingham, Uriah Knight, John Murray, Valentine Birkel, and George Murray. The pall-bearers were D. S. Kendig, George Cook, S. G. Hadley, S. Warner, John Watkins, M. D. Mercer, and A. H. Terwilliger—vestrymen of St. Paul's Church, W. G. Wise of Auburn, Garrett Doremus of Romulus, and John Fitch of Seneca Falls.

The places of business were all closed, and from many were displayed emblems of mourning. The body was received at the door of the church by the Rev. W. D. Doty, rector, and the Rev. Drs. Edson of Lowell, Guion of Seneca Falls, and Brainard of Auburn. In the church, which was densely crowded, the Christmas greens had given place to the habiliments of mourning. The columns through the centre were wound with alternate folds of black and white cloth. In the central chancel window was a large white cross draped with illusion, upon which in black and gilt letters was the text, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." From the lectern hung a purple cloth fringed with black, on which were the words, "Blessed be the name of the Lord." The pew occupied by Mr. Cooke during his life time was vacant and

draped in mourning, and the banner of St. John's Sunday school, of which Mr. Cooke was superintendent, was shrouded with crape. The opening sentences of the burial service were read by the Rev. Dr. Guion, while the body was being carried to its position in front of the chancel and surrounded by the Sunday-school children whom he loved. Upon the casket were placed a magnificent floral cross and crown, the one being the tribute of the rector, and the other that of the choir. The anthem was then chanted by the choir antiphonally. The lesson was read by the Rev. Dr. Brainard, the committal service was rendered by the rector, and the concluding prayers most impressively and feelingly offered by the venerable Rev. Dr. Edson of Lowell. The services being concluded at the church, the procession repaired to the grave, where the "Gloria in Excelsis" was sung, a prayer was offered, the benediction pronounced, and the vast crowd, assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to the lamented dead, dispersed.

In the death of Mr. Cooke, Waterloo sustained a greater loss than is often met with in the death of a single man. To his superior mechanical genius alone was ascribed the improvements and consequent success of the woolen mill, which he converted from an unprofitable cloth mill into a first-class shawl manufactory, the success of which was kept up to the improvements of the age by his superior skill in new and ornamental designs. But Mr. Cooke was more than a mechanical expert; he was a religious, moral, and social ornament to society,—a pillar as well as a warden of the church. His hand and purse were always open to every charity; unobtrusive, yet ever active in doing good. He lived not for himself alone, and his genial unselfishness endeared him to the hearts of all the people.

Since Mr. Cooke's death, St. Paul's Parish have erected a beautiful chapel (St. John's) in memory of his devout life and labors among them. The corner-stone was laid by Bishop Huntington, at the Harvest Home Festival, Sept. 26, 1875. The chapel is a pretty Gothic building, capable of seating about two hundred and fifty people. All the wood-work of the interior is of black-walnut, ash, and chestnut. The chancel furniture is of black-walnut. One of the most attractive features of the chapel is the reredos, containing seven panels, upon which are beautifully painted ecclesiastical emblems and texts. The decoration of the panels was done by Miss Annie Wells, one of the founders of the mission school, and an earnest and efficient promoter of and contributor to its success. A rich silk banner standing in the chancel was also her workmanship. Upon the altar stood a black-walnut cross of graceful design and beautifully finished. The windows are of

stained glass and are much admired. The triplet chancel window bears the following inscription :—

“TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF CALVIN W. COOKE,”
and the text,

“That they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.”

Upon the central window is represented a life-size figure of St. John, most exquisitely colored, and holding in his hands the chalice and book ; beneath him, is his peculiar emblem, the eagle, and on either side richly colored and appropriate emblems. Of the eight windows on the sides of the chapel, four are memorial, with handsome emblems on upper and lower panels, texts, and dates of birth and death. Two lancet windows with rich geometrical designs are placed in the west end, and in the west gable a beautiful triangular window with the figure of a winged cherub. The walls are stained of a grayish color ; the ceiling a light blue, a darker tint being given to the chancel.

113. DWIGHT-WIGHT COOK⁷ (*James*⁶, *Isaiah*⁵, *James*⁴, *John*³, *Stephen*², *Gregory*¹) was born in Preston, Feb. 6, 1813; married Dec. 22, 1840, Abby-Amelia Avery, daughter of LEONARD Avery, Esq., of Preston, born June 20, 1819. Mr. Cook died April 9, 1877.

CHILDREN :

- 164. i. WILLIAM-AVERY, b. Aug. 15, 1849; m. C.-Rosaline White.
- 165. ii. IDA-AMELIA, b. Aug. 10, 1855; m. Dec. 10, 1879, George S. Palmer;
child: *Albert-Cooke*, b. Feb. 10, 1881; d. May 11, 1882.

140. JOHN-JAMES COOKE⁸ (*Chester*⁷, *James*⁶, *Isaiah*⁵, *James*⁴, *John*³, *Stephen*², *Gregory*¹) was born in Northampton, Mass., May 11, 1823. He settled in Ohio, and married at Maumee City, October, 1850, Louisa-A. Marsh. Mr. Cooke died in Perrysburg, Ohio, July 24, 1854.

CHILDREN :

- 166. i. FRANCES-L.
- 167. ii. AMBROSIA-J.
- 168. iii. CHARLOTTE-E.

142. EDWARD-CHESTER COOKE⁸ (*Chester*⁷, *James*⁶, *Isaiah*⁵, *James*⁴, *John*³, *Stephen*², *Gregory*¹) was born in Northampton, Mass., March 2, 1827. He married at Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 17, 1857, Mary A. Dransfield, who was born at Adams Basin, N. Y., March 9, 1834. Resides in Chicago, Ill.

CHILDREN :

- 169. i. EDWARD-D., b. Nov. 6, 1858.
- 170. ii. CALVIN-W., b. June 27, 1860.
- 171. iii. ANNE-L., b. Feb. 19, 1864.
- 172. iv. JOSEPHINE-B., b. Jan. 2, 1870.
- 173. v. MARY-P., b. Sept. 1, 1872; d. Aug. 22, 1873.

144. ISAIAH-PALMER COOKE⁸ (*Chester⁷, James⁶, Isaiah⁵, James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born at Skaneateles, N. Y., May 11, 1831; married at Janesville, Wis., Dec. 31, 1861, Mrs. Eliza L. Harding, widow of William H. Harding, of Providence, R. I. She was born at Temple, N. H., Feb. 28, 1828.

CHILD :

- 174. i. WILLIAM-MILES, b. April 15, 1863.

149. HENRY-CLAY COOK⁸ (*Chester⁷, James⁶, Isaiah⁵, James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born at Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 12, 1843. He was first lieutenant, Co. H, 108th Regt. Ill. Vol. Inf., and engaged in the actions at Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Port, Port Gibson, Champion Hills, Vicksburg, Guntown, Ripley, Wolf River Bridge, and Spanish Fort. He married at Bradford, Wis., Nov. 9, 1868, Eliza Cuckow. Resides in Chicago, Ill.

CHILDREN.

- 175. i. EDITH-DRESSER, b. Nov. 19, 1869.
- 176. ii. CHESTER-JARVIS, b. April 23, 1872.

152. CARLOS-ALLEN COOK⁸ (*Nathan⁷, James⁶, Isaiah⁵, James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, June 23, 1828; married March 7, 1861, Mrs. Kate Barmore, born Feb. 14, 1836. Mr. Cook is the senior member of the firm of C. A. Cook & Co., Chicago, Ill., where he resides.

CHILDREN :

- 177. i. ALBERT-AYER, b. Oct. 6, 1862; d. Sept. 3, 1863.
- 178. ii. CARLOS-EPGAR, b. April 18, 1865.
- 179. iii. KATIE-MAY, b. May 4, 1867.
- 180. iv. EMMA-MARIA-VASHTI, b. April 23, 1869.

155. CYRUS-FORTUNE COOK⁸ (*Nathan⁷, James⁶, Isaiah⁵, James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, Sept. 22, 1841; married, 1st, Nov. 25, 1869, Josephine-C. Gore, daughter of Asa Gore, born Sept. 14, 1845; she died Dec. 2, 1870. He married, 2d, Feb. 4

1874, Ida-Azalea Barmore, b. Sept. 19, 1855. Mr. Cook is a member of the firm of Buel, Cook & Seixas, of Chicago, Ill., where he resides.

CHILDREN :

- 181. i. CYRUS-BARMORE, b. March 30, 1875.
- 182. ii. ALBERT-CARLOS, b. March 2, 1879.

156. CALVIN-J. COOK^s (*Isaac-H.⁷, James⁶, Isaiah⁵, James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, Oct. 13, 1828. He has been twice married; 1st, Sept. 1, 1851, to Emma E. Phillips; and 2d, Dec. 1, 1865, to Sarah Smith. Mr. Cook carries on his brother William's woolen mill at Preston. It is a new edifice, on the mill-site of his ancestors.

CHILDREN :

- 183. i. EMMETT-C.
- 184. ii. EUGENIE-E.
- 185. iii. ISAAC-H.
- 186. iv. LOUIS.
- 187. v. LEILA-M.

161. WILLIAM-AVERY COOK^s (*Isaac-H.⁷, James⁶, Isaiah⁵, James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born in Preston, July 9, 1839; married March 14, 1866, Alice-Scott Tracy; b. July 25, 1843. He succeeded to the family business of woolen manufacture at Cook's Mills, Preston, which he still conducts, though he resides in Norwich, where he is also in business as a merchant.

CHILDREN.

- 188. i. ALICE-LOUISE, b. Dec. 11, 1866.
- 189. ii. LENA-MARY, b. Feb. 2, 1870.
- 190. iii. SEYMOUR-TRACY, b. Oct. 2, 1873.
- 191. iv. WILLIAM-ISAAC, b. Oct. 23, 1876.
- 192. v. EDWARD-GIBBS, b. Nov. 27, 1878.
- 193. vi. JESSIE-ADELE, b. May 10, 1882.

164. WILLIAM-AVERY COOKE^s (*Dwight-Wight⁷, James⁶, Isaiah⁵, James⁴, John³, Stephen², Gregory¹*) was born Aug. 15, 1849; married July 10, 1877, C.-Rosaline White, and resides in Norwich.

CHILD :

- 194. i. WILLIAM-DWIGHT, b. May 27, 1881.

A P P E N D I X .

Facing page 16, we inset an albertype of Cook's mills, exhibiting a view of the landscape as at present, October, 1882. The face of the country in Preston, which lies between the Thames and the Quinnebaug rivers, in New London county, Conn., is diversified. The hills are stony and rocky; the valleys fertile and productive; altogether, the soil is better adapted to grazing than tillage, though easily supporting the population hitherto dwelling on it. Preston was settled before 1700, the Rev. Salmon Treat (Harvard, 1694) having been ordained there Nov. 16, 1698. John Cook settled there soon after. How early the first fulling-mill was erected, is not known. The old mill is well remembered, by persons now living, as an interesting example of colonial industry. The present mill was erected in 1847, and enlarged in 1860, and is a substantial structure. The stream is a tributary to the Quinnebaug. The locality is three miles distant from the city of Norwich. There are few other examples in this country of a manufacturing business continuing in the descendants of its original projector, for so many generations.

Facing page 20, we inset an albertype of Hon. James Cook, of Lowell, Mass., who has devoted the leisure of his advanced age to the agreeable duty of collecting, compiling, and publishing this memorial of his ancestry in America.

ERRATUM, page 16. The paragraph concerning Isaiah Cook (28), should read:

28. ISAAH COOK⁵, (*James*⁴, *John*³, *Stephen*², *Gregory*¹) was born in Preston, Feb. 16, 1744. He was a farmer and clothier. He married, March 21, 1765, Mary Palmer, a daughter of Samuel Palmer, a farmer, of Norwich, where she was born June 29, 1745.

Isaiah Cook died in Preston, Jan. 20, 1807. Mrs. Cook died in Preston, Feb. 10, 1803.

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